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LOCAL

Heading into gubernatorial election, Governor Scott sustains as Lieutenant Governor Zuckerman campaigns

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As the pandemic heightens the responsibility of state governments across the country, Vermont has emerged as a success story in controlling the virus — and for Republican Gov. Phil Scott, the proof is in the polling. Scott's statewide acceptance rate peaked at 96% over the summer, and he remains one of the most popular governors in the nation. Up for re-election in the fall, Scott has eschewed typical campaigning to stay focused on pandemic response — but for his challenger, Progressive/Democratic Lt. Gov. David Zuckerman, the race is far from over. Working alongside each other in Mont-

pelier, the two aren't exactly allies. Scott has used his veto pen more liberally than nearly any other leader in state history, rejecting progressive legislation sent from the majority-Democrat Vermont House and Senate. These bills have included a minimum wage hike, a paid family leave program and, most recently, steps to combat climate change — all causes that Zuckerman has championed for decades.

"I've been fighting for environmental causes since before I was in elected office. It's really at the core of who I am," Zuckerman told The Campus. He announced his candidacy pre-pandemic in January 2020, citing the

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Governor Phil Scott and challenger Lieutenant Governor David Zuckerman talk budgets, climate change and the Covid-19 pandemic.

Unable to vote, non-citizen students watch election with bated breath

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As Middlebury students from across the country fill out absentee ballots and slip them into mailboxes in hopes of influencing state, local and federal elections, many of their peers can only watch from the sidelines. Yet the futures of non-citizen students depend just as much, if not more, on the outcome of the coming elections. While international and immigrant students anxiously await the results, many are getting involved in politics in whatever way they can.

Tony Sjodin '23, a Swedish-born U.S. permanent resident, spent the summer volunteering for campaigns in his home state of Massachusetts and in Vermont. He estimates that he spent between 15 and 25 hours a week for nearly three months canvassing over the phone to encourage people to vote. Unable to canvas due to Covid-19, Niki Kowsar '21.5, an Iranian-born Canadian citizen and U.S. permanent resident, has focused on encouraging her citizen friends to vote, spreading awareness about the issues she cares about and discuss-

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For Dave Silberman, forgotten high bailiff position offers new kind of platform

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Every state has its niche elected positions. Michigan votes for a drain commissioner, who oversees water drainage systems. Texas elects a statewide railroad commission. Some states even vote for their county coroner — the official responsible for determining causes of death.

Vermont has the high bailiff. Mentioned just once in the state's constitution and written into the state's statutes in a sparse line, the high bailiff has one defined role: to arrest the sheriff, if ever necessary. Notorious for its limitations (the high bailiff has no pay, no office and hardly any respon-



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Dave Silberman is running for high bailiff in Addison County.

sibility), the position is often held by individuals linked to law enforcement, like lieutenants or retired officers.

Dave Silberman has a new idea — one that he says

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OPINION

IT'S TIME FOR ELECTION DAY TO BE A COLLEGE HOLIDAY

By **EDITORIAL BOARD**

Right now, across the country, Americans are standing for hours in lengthy queues at their voting sites and mailing in their ballots to participate in this year's election. More than 69.5 million voters have already cast their votes, an early voting turnout unrivaled in American electoral history. Students have made it clear that democratic

participation is a priority: several student groups, including MiddVote and Middlebury Does Democracy, have led the way in motivating Middlebury students to engage in local politics and in national elections. The college, too, can play its part in removing barriers to participation by making Election Day a holiday for its students, faculty and staff.

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